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To Members of the Academy.

The present volume, delayed by pressure of work at the State Printing Plant, will be found quite equal to its predecessors as a contribution to science. By these published Transactions we are making returns to the state which so largely meets our expenses, and by our exchanges are building up a scientific library. This is a part of the great collection of books at the state-house which lacks now an administrative head, thorough organization and cataloguing. When these wants are met there will be no library in the state equal to it in size and value.

Our museum also is the nucleus of what may become of great economic importance to the commercial interests of the state, and our members should impress upon the legislature the needs of its enlargement. We need more members, and more unanimity and enthusiasm in scientific investigation. When we have quarters in the proposed new building we should make a new departure in the line of progress. Our Academy ought to be an important part of the educational machinery of the commonwealth, and we should have more frequent meetings and definite plans for coöperative work. The faculties of our colleges and others interested in science should meet here to discuss the questions in science constantly arising, and the Academy thus become a "clearing-house" and center of scientific activity for the state.

J. T. LOVEWELL,
Secretary Kansas Academy of Science.